Indian Fishermen in Pak Jails

3302. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Indian fishermen are languishing in the Pakistani jails;

(b) if so, what is the number thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to take any steps for their release; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) There are, in all, 46 Indian fishermen and sailing crew in Pakistani jails (33 fishermen from 26-10-88 and 13 sailing crew from 8-2-89).

(c) Government are constantly in touch with the Government of Pakistan for their release. It is expected that the 13 sailing crew will be repatriated to India on 29th March, 1989.

Review of the Schemes for Education of Handicapped children in Orissa

3303. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review of the implementation of the schemes to promote education of the handicapped children in Orissa has been made; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Education for the Disabled Children provides for education of disabled children suffering from certain mild handicaps, in common schools with the help of aids incentives and special teachers. The scheme is being implemented through the State Governments who are periodically submitting implementation reports to this Ministry. No separate review has been made by this Ministry so far regarding implementation of the Scheme in Orissa. The scheme envisages that the Central Government may undertake a summative evaluation of the implementation of the scheme at the end of the Plan period.

Education of the children with severe handicaps is looked after by the Ministry of Welfare who have informed that Inspection Report is called for from the State Government concerned before the grant-in-aid is released to a special school.

Four-laning of Cuttack Bhubaneshwar Stretch of National Highway No. 5

3304. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the four-laning of the National Highway No. 5 between Cuttack and Bhubaneshwar has not made much progress due to constraint of resources; and

(b) if so, the amount of outlay approved, already released and likely to be provided for it during the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Out of the 24 km length, four laning in about one km. has been completed and project preparation for remaining stretch has been undertaken. Resource constraint has not affected this work.

International Seminar on Women's Issues

3305. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of HUMAN

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether an international seminar on women's issues today was held at New Delhi in February, 1989;

(b) if so, what are the main observations and suggestions made at the seminar; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken by Government in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The Department of Women & Child Development is not aware.

(b) and (c) The question does not arise.

Allocation for Repair of Roads in Tamil Nadu

3306. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the allocation made and the amount released for the repair of National Highways in Tamil Nadu during 1988-89;

(b) whether any urgent work has suffered due to financial constraints;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether the annual allocation is proposed to be raised; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Rs. 718.50 lakhs has been released.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) No further sum is proposed to be released during the remaining period of 1988-89.

Merger of Pak Occupied Kashmir with Jammu and Kashmir

3307. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state what follow up action, in accordance with the Shimla Agreement has been taken by the Government of India for the merger of Pak occupied areas of Jammu and Kashmir with the State of Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India and the only issue that remains is that of the vacation of Indian territory under Pakistan's illegal occupation. This, and our view that all matters between the two countries should be resolved bilaterally and in accordance with the Shimla Agreement has been made known to Pakistan on a number of occasions.

Closing Down of the School for the Disabled Children

3308. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a special school for the severely disabled children is being run by the Institute for the Physically Handicapped at 4, Vishnu Digamber Marg, Delhi; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether Government propose to close down this school; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what alternative arrangements are being made for the education/training of the handicapped/disabled children studying there?